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James B. Hunt Jr., Governor
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H. David Bruton, M.D.,

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Dear Fellow Physicians,

We have been running our Medicaid program on the belief that if we provide our physicians with correct information, they will practice clinically appropriate medicine. We have a problem of rapidly increasing drug costs. This is a complex problem that is not fully understood. Please read the following report summary prepared by Dr. Kenneth Fink, RWJ Clinical Scholar at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

We must all work together to prove that good clinical medicine is cost effective.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. David Bruton".

H. David Bruton, M.D.